AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (cancelled).

2. (cancelled).

3. (cancelled).

4. (previously presented) A method comprising:

storing program data for an electronic program guide in multiple tables, each table comprising one or more records with one or more fields and at least two said tables are related such that one said record in one said table indexes another said record in another said table, wherein the records comprise program records containing programming information, individual program records having a title field to identify a program name; and

sorting the records in the tables according to a selected field type prior to delivery of the program data to a remote client and the sorting comprises arranging the program records in the tables according to a stopped name version of the program name in the title field.

5. (cancelled).

6. (cancelled).

7. (cancelled).

8. (cancelled).

9. (previously presented) A method for delivering program data for an electronic program guide executing at a remote client, the method comprising:

storing program data for an electronic program guide in multiple tables, the tables comprising one or more program tables with records of programming information, the program tables having a title field for program titles, and one said record in one said table indexes another said record in another said table;

sorting the records in the program tables according to the title field, wherein the sorting comprises arranging the records according to stopped name versions of program names in the title field; and

constructing a data file to hold the tables.

10. (cancelled).

11. (cancelled).

12. (cancelled).

13. (cancelled).

14.   (original) A computer-readable medium comprising computer-executable instructions that, when executed, direct a computing system to:

sort program data for an electronic program guide according to stopped names of program titles; and

store the program data in a data structure for delivery to a remote client.

15.   (original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 14, further comprising computer-executable instructions that, when executed, direct a computing system to deliver the data structure to the remote client.

16.   (original) A data structure stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:

multiple tables to store program data for use in an electronic program guide;

the tables comprising program tables composed of records with programming information, the program tables having a title field to hold program titles; and

the records of the program tables being sorted by stopped name versions of the program titles.

17.   (cancelled).

18.   (previously presented) A computer system, comprising:

a memory;

a processor coupled to the memory; and

a data sorter program stored in memory and executed on the processor to sort electronic program guide (EPG) data according to a data type into records arranged in multiple tables, at least two said tables are related such that one said record in one said table indexes another said record in another said table, prior to delivery of the EPG data to a remote client, wherein the data type is a program title, and the data sorter program is configured to sort the EPG data according to a stopped name version of the program title.

19.   (cancelled).

20.   (cancelled).

21.   (currently amended) A processing system, comprising:

sorting means for sorting program data for an electronic program guide according to a data type that a viewer is likely to search, wherein the program data is sorted into multiple tables, at least one said table includes a record that indexes a record in another said table, wherein the sorting means sorts the program data according to stopped names of program titles; and

transmission means for transmitting the sorted program data to [[the]] a client.

22.   (cancelled).

23.   (cancelled).

24. (previously presented) A television entertainment system, comprising:

multiple clients to receive television signals and corresponding program data for an electronic program guide (EPG), individual clients having a search engine to search the program data; and

an EPG server to sort the program data prior to delivery to the client, the program data being sorted according to a selected parameter to place the program data in a sorted arrangement to facilitate searching at the client, wherein the sorted arrangement includes a record for the selected parameter that indexes another record for another parameter, wherein the EPG server sorts the program data according to stopped name versions of program titles.

25. (cancelled).

26. (cancelled).